(b) if so, the reasons for which he has an nounced this stani from the rampart !f Red Fort in his Independence Day spe year; and

(c) what is the r.t'itude of Gove of India today on this issue ?

THE MINISTER OF ST ATI IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (c) It is a fact that Pakistan continues to b; in un-authorised occupation of a part of Jimmu & Kashmir. While referring to frequent state-ments by Pak leaders about Kashmir b the unfinished task, the Prime Minister in his Independence Day address of 19' 4 had stated that there is only one unfinished task and that is the restoration of Pak ouupied part of Kashmir to India. The effort of the Govt, of India is to resolve this proble n, and other outstanding issues of difference; with Pakistan, by peaceful bilateral dii the spirit of Shimla Agreement of 1972, i i continued efforts of Pakistan to try tc nationalise the issue relating to Jamrr.u & Kashmir.

Bomb Blast in Outskirts of Jammu

2600. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a power-ful bomb blast in a private bus that exploded o November, 1994 at the outskirts of J.immu City;

(b) if so, whether eight pilgrims, including a child, bound for Vaishno Devi were killed and 40 others sustained injury;

(c) the steps taken by Government to ii A esti-gate into t< if the blast and to se; that incidents of this nature do not recur in future; and

(d) what is the com Hint proposed to be paid by Government to the kith of those affected by t he incide

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S HRJ BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) No such incident took place on 29-11-1994. However, on 28-11-1994, an explosion took place in a passenger bus going from Jammu to Katra, resulting in the instant death of 8 persons and injuries to 44 others. Tr/o of the injured later succumbed to their injuries.

(c) Efforts are on to trace the culprits be hind tlje bomb blast. Intensified patrolling by the police/security forces, establishment of ck posts on routes/roads coming to Jammu, surprise checks of buses, checking of loading, launching of public awareness compaign and apprehension of anti-social jspected trans-border smugglers are some of the steps being taken to avoid rrence of such incidents.

(d) Ex-gr itia relief of Rupees 1 lakh each has been announced by the State Government i of persons who were killed, and Rs. 50 >se injured.

Proposal From JKLF Leader on Kashmir Issue

2601. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that some Members of Parliament have received copies of an appeal made by the self-* J Chairman of the Jammu Kashmir Libe it to the People of India, sent from London, giving proposals regarding solution to the so-called Kashmir problem; and

(b) whethar Government have also recei-similar proposals from the JKLF and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) and (b) Government are aware of letters purported to have i the self-styled Chair. man of the JKLF from Pakistan. It is not considered necessary to react to the same.

Mercenaries Operating in Kashmir

2602. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether mercenaries of dilfere.it countries have been operating in Kashmir since the onset of anti-India Militancy in 1990.

(b) if so, the details thereof with names of countries to which these mercenaries belong;

(c) whether a large number oi such mercenaries either killed or apprehended were from Pakistan and Afghanistan ;

(d) whether Government prpose to put such record before Internationally developed countries to seek their view-point to declare Pakistan a Terrorist State; anJ

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER Or STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OrFiCt (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (e) As part of its continuing "Proxy war" and efforts to forment violence and terrorism in Jammu <& Kashmir, Pakistan has also infiltrated foreign nationals and mer cenaries into the State. 0 foreign nationls/mercenaries have bee.i appre hended/killed till November, 1994. Apart from a large number of Pakistan Nationals and residents of PoK, they beio.ig to va rious other countires including Bahrain, Egypt, Lebanon, Sudan, Yemen, etc.

Evidence of Pakistan's sponsorship of terrorism, including infiltration of its own nationals and other outsiders and mercenaries* for this purpose into Jammu and Kashmir, has been regularly disseminated, and is also being widely acknowledged. The Government will continue to make efforts to see that Pakistan is prevailed upon to stop such blatant aggression and sponsorship of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Funds for Development of Jammu and Kashmir

2603. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Jammu and Kashmir Govern ment have requested for more Central funds to keep up the tempo of development works ^following overall impiovement in the security situation in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof with quantum of such assistance ;

(c) whether the State Government propose to undertake several developmental works in the atmosphere of peace and normalcy now getting prevalent in the Valley ;

(d) if so, the names of such developmental projects to be undertaken ;

(e) whether request of State Government of Jarnmu and Kashmir has since been considered; and

(f) if so, the details there of and if not, the reasonsther for ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) to (f) The approved Plan Outlay of Jammu & Kashmir for the year 1994-95 is Rs. 950 crores. The sector-wise/scheme-wise outaly of this plan is at Annexure. *[See* Appendix 172, Annexure No. 611. In view of the diffi-cu.i financial problems of the State, the Centre has allowed in October, 1994 additional spxial plan assistance of Rs. 773 crores to the Government of Jammu & Kashmir to meet the resource gap for the year 1994-95. Ministry of Finance has also started releasing the amount of Rs. 773 crores of special assistance af.er making recovery of Rs. 668.40 crores om the State Government towards c repayment and interest payment to th; Ministry of Finance. The additional financial assistance is expected to help the State tide over the financial crisis so as to enable various Departments to implement th: planned schemes more speedily.

\ctioii Against Army ami Other Paramilitary Forces in Jammu

260*i.* SHRI JAGMOHAN : Will the PRIME MINITER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of personnel of the Army, para-mflitary forces (BSF, CRPF and Ind us rial Security Force, etc.) and local police prjsecuted/punished/convicted for acts of criminal and other excesses and how many been proceeded against/punished i i lb: State of Jammu and Kashmir during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 30th November, 1994;

(b) the details of criminal offences and departmental lapses they have been proceeded against/punished and against which specific incident or incidents, and

(c) the number of militants and their collaborators **and** other transgressors of